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Robert W. Johnson  
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Dear Commissioner Johnson:

I write to request a thirty day extension of the comment period regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) proposed rule on the use of Reclamation land, facilities, and waterbodies (43 CFR Part 429).

As you know, the proposed rule to revise how your agency currently administers private uses on BOR's land and water has been met with significant concern and confusion as to how numerous local activities would be affected across the west. It is my understanding that in Wyoming alone, popular private recreational uses at several sites — including both the Alcova Reservoir thirty miles southwest of Casper and the Keyhole Reservoir in Crook County — could be significantly restricted or even prohibited if the new BOR land use rule should be implemented. Recreation users across the western United States that utilize cabin sites, boat docks and clubs, or even those that hold grazing permits, will be affected by the new rule.

Many of my constituents have long enjoyed the recreational opportunities that BOR lands and waterbodies provide. They have worked to maintain a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with your agency, as well as state and local governments, in the stewardship of these resources.

With all this in mind, and considering the level of uncertainty the new rule creates regarding private recreational uses, I strongly urge you to both extend the comment period and work to increase public awareness of this proposed rule in order to ensure that all potentially impacted users have the knowledge and opportunity to weigh in on the proposal.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request and I look forward to a timely response from you on this issue of great importance to my constituents.

Sincerely,

Barbara Cubin  
Member of Congress

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